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November 17, 1976

The Honorable Brent Scowcroft
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Brent,

Your memorandum of November 9th requested assistance in preparing material for the President's State of the Union message. I am guided, first, by the fact that many of the Intelligence Community's more significant accomplishments cannot be cited in a public address; second, by the limited space allotted to intelligence matters in the President's last State of the Union address on January 19th.

In that address the President stressed his intention to "take actions to reform and strengthen our Intelligence Community." I suggest, therefore, by way of follow-up, that he would wish to cite Executive Order 11905 and the progress made in its implementation as the most significant accomplishment of his Administration in the intelligence field during the last year. From the standpoint of reform, he could refer to those provisions of the Executive Order which protect the rights of individual American citizens and ensure the legality and propriety of intelligence activities. Also, it might be worthwhile to mention the improved control over intelligence expenditures which has been achieved through the establishment of the CFI. Thirdly, he could cite the establishment of review procedures for sensitive activities under the Operations Advisory Group.

With regard to the strengthening of intelligence, our main accomplishment has been the substantial improvement in coordination of the various intelligence agencies. The

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Intelligence Community Staff is playing a particularly important role in expanding collaboration between intelligence services, preventing duplication, and ensuring that the requirements of policymakers are quickly recognized and acted on by appropriate agencies.

The President, too, may find it useful to refer to improved intelligence oversight both within the Intelligence Community and from outside. Externally, we have the Executive Departments' Intelligence Oversight Board and the formation of the new Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The Community's relationships with both are progressing exceedingly well. You may want to touch base with Leo Cherne, Chairman of the PFIAB and member of the IOB, who has some views on these matters.

While, as I mentioned, the Intelligence Community cannot publicize the majority of its successes, I suggest that it would be appropriate to mention our success in monitoring Soviet military developments and the capability this provides the United States Government to ensure Soviet compliance with arms limitations agreements and to negotiate with confidence in the SALT and MBFR arenas.

Also, it might be worthwhile to cite the new challenges which face our intelligence agencies today: international narcotics traffic; the threat of international terrorism; and the need for increased intelligence on economic and energy-related matters.

With regard to "unfinished business," I urge mention of the need for better secrecy legislation to prevent leaks damaging to national security, of which we have had far too many in recent months.

If you require more specific information, please let me know.

Sincerely,


George Bush

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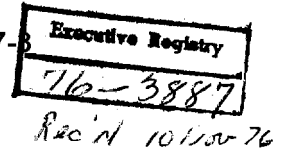
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WASHINGTON

November 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Administrator, Agency for International
Development
The Director, U.S. Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency
✓ The Director of Central Intelligence
The Director, U.S. Information Agency

The President has asked me to convey his request for your assistance in preparing material for his State of the Union Message.

In the State of the Union, the President plans to include a comprehensive record of what has been accomplished, both in domestic affairs and international affairs, during the 30 months of his Administration.

Of equal importance, he will give the nation a status report on unfinished business.

To assist in the preparation of the State of the Union Message, would you send to me by Tuesday, November 16, appropriate material dealing with:

1. The major accomplishments in the areas covered by your Department or Agency, and
2. Major proposals or initiatives yet to be completed, as well as initiatives being planned.

You may want to include attachments providing more detail about some major issues.

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The President regards the State of the Union as one of his most important responsibilities to be accomplished during the balance of his term. I know, therefore, that you will want to give this your personal attention.

William C. Hyland
Brent Scowcroft *for*

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Hank and Dan;

Will you please put your heads together
on this and develop response.

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